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SUBJECT: LATVIA TO PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL MARITIME PARTNERSHIPS

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PolEcon Off met with Captain Aigars Krastins, Director of the Transportation Ministry's Maritime Department, on July 2. Krastins stated that he had reviewed the Global Maritime Partnership (GMP) documentation, and that Latvia would like to be a GMP participant. He qualified that by saying that his department is understaffed and that he did not know at this moment how Latvia could participate, but he stated that his office fully supports the initiative.